

The FCC should say no to Broadband Power Line operation. This is a redundant system and would cause great havoc to the citizens of the United States. Alternate internet transmission modes are operating or are being developed. Broadband Power Line has been shown in several countries including Japan to cause such severe interference to high frequency reception it would spell the end of shortwave and amateur radio as we know it. Many immigrant citizens and aliens in the US rely on shortwave radio to keep informed of news of their former country. In addition the US Government maintains its own stations like Voice of America on shortwave radio. The amateur radio service as been in existence to provide testing, emergency communications and to yield amateur frequencies to the military in times of war. In the war against terrorism the amateur radio service has become more important than ever to provide backup communication in the event of civil disruption. High frequency communication is the heart of amateur radio. Without it the service would cease to exist. In addition there is the possibility of the negative enviromental impact of the radiation of Broadband Power Line rf on the health of the public. These considerations alone should preclude the operation of Broadband Power Line when redundant systems are in place.